



## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

9:30 AM, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

2. **Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Overview.** NCTCOG will provide a brief background on the purpose of the UTRB-CC.

3. **Special Presentation: Partnerships, Trees and Water Quality – A Riparian Restoration Project on Wilson Creek.** David Cowan, Watershed Manager, North Texas Municipal Water District, and Mac Martin, Partnership Coordinator, Texas A&M Forest Service, will present information on a recent tree-planting event held in McKinney.

On November 6 (Texas Arbor Day weekend), over 100 volunteers gathered on the banks of Wilson Creek in McKinney to plant trees in the name of protecting water quality and improving the environment. Over 1,600 native trees were planted to reduce erosion and mitigate impacts of stormwater runoff into Lavon Lake, the primary source of water for 2 million North Texans. The project resulted in public/private partnerships between many NGOs and agencies and was made possible by support from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation Change the Course campaign, with contributions from Coors Seltzer.

David Cowan, North Texas Municipal Water District, and Mac Martin, Texas A&M Forest Service, presented information on the recent tree planting event in McKinney. A copy of their presentation is [available online for review](#).

4. **Project Updates.** Member discussion of ongoing and planned activities.

- North Central Texas Council of Governments
  - NCTCOG is hosting a Bacteria Source Tracking Webinar on March 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM and an Avian Management Webinar on May 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM.
  - NCTCOG is finalizing two projects on behalf of the TMDL Stormwater and Wastewater Subcommittees: “*Industrial Facilities and TMDLs: What You Need to Know*” FAQ Document and the “*Septic System Maintenance for Homeowners*” educational explainer video.
  - The Annual TMDL Questionnaire is now open for responses through March 11, 2022.
  - NCTCOG is hosting an upcoming water quality webinar: What Water Planners in Texas Need to Know About Climate (And What I Wish I Could Tell You) on February 23, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

- The North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge is scheduled for March 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022. More information is available at <http://www.communitycleanupchallenge.com/>.
- City of Arlington
  - The City of Arlington did not have any updates.
- City of Dallas
  - The City of Dallas did not have any updates.
- City of Fort Worth
  - The City of Fort Worth is seeking to install two water wheels on the Trinity River. Learn more about this project [here](#).
- City of Grand Prairie
  - The City of Grand Prairie did not have any updates.
- City of Irving
  - The City of Irving is seeking to implement optical brighteners in impaired waterways over the summer with assistance from Trinity River Authority.
- City of Plano
  - The City of Plano did not have any updates.
- DFW Airport
  - DFW Airport did not have any updates.
- North Texas Municipal Water District
  - The Bois d'Arc Lake Watershed Protection Plan is currently open for public comments through March 3, 2022. More information is available [here](#).
- Tarrant Regional Water District
  - The Richland-Chambers Watershed Protection Plan will be finalized soon. TRWD is working on multiple new projects, including how to help urban residents get involved with Watershed Protection Plans and a study assessing the value of green stormwater infrastructure, such as return on investments, social benefits, etc.
- Texas A&M AgriLife
  - The Rowlett Creek Watershed Characterization is still underway and has been funded for work through 2024. The Watershed Protection Plan for this watershed is also currently under development.
- Texas Stream Team
  - Texas Stream Team did not have any updates.
- Trinity River Authority
  - Trinity River Authority is currently implementing projects for the Village Creek-Lake Arlington Watershed Protection Plan, including an 18-month assessment of 10 sites through partnerships with Upspire, Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Fort Worth, and University of Texas at Arlington. TRA is also working with Dr. Amari at UTA to conduct lab testing of biofiltration swales and how they uptake nutrients.
- Upper Trinity Regional Water District
  - Upper Trinity Regional Water District did not have any updates.

**5. Roundtable.** Discussion of watershed-level challenges.

Attendees discussed the potential implications of solar farms on stormwater runoff in rural areas.



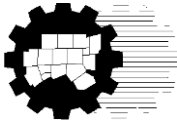
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**6. Schedule for the next meeting.** The next UTRB-CC meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 9:30 AM. The location for this meeting is to be determined.

### **7. Adjournment**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215, or by email at [hallen@nctcog.org](mailto:hallen@nctcog.org).

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTS</b>
Daniel Bagby	Dallas Water Utilities
Mac Martin	Texas A&M Forest Service
David Cowan	North Texas Municipal Water District
Heather Finn	Trinity River Authority
Grace Darling	Arlington Conservation Council
Jeffrey Shiflet	City of Irving
Mitchell Carpenter	Tarrant County
Nusrat Munir	City of Dallas
Michelle Wood-Ramirez	Tarrant Regional Water District
Kevin Hill	City of Dallas
Cassandra Villarreal	
Mo Barrett	Keep White Settlement Beautiful
Aaron Hoff	Tarrant Regional Water District
Rachel Richter	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Nixalis Benitez	City of Fort Worth
Fouad Jaber	Texas A&M AgriLife
Katie Myers	Tarrant Regional Water District
Nicole Reed	TCEQ
Brigette Gibson	City of Arlington